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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON ABDULLAH AHMED NAIM

REF: KHARTOUM 455

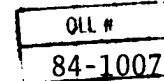
1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTERS FROM SENATORS PERCY AND CRANSTON REQUESTING DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE DETENTION CASE OF DR. ABDULLAH AHMED NAIM. EMBASSY REPORTED IN REFTEL THAT NAIM IS BEING DETAINED WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGES AND IS IN GOOD HEALTH.

3. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE UP THE MATTER OF HIS CONTINUED DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUDANESE AUTHORITIES. YOU MAY BASE THIS OFFICIAL EXPRESSION OF USG INTEREST AND CONCERN ON THE FACT THAT THE CASE IS ATTRACTING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE U.S. CONGRESS AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. IN THE INTEREST OF PREVENTING A PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM FROM ARISING AND ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE SUDANESE AUTHORITIES COULD QUICKLY AND SMOOTHLY RESOLVE THE ISSUE. PLEASE REPORT SUDANESE REACTION TO YOUR DEMARCHE. SHULTZ

END OF MESSAGE

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